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Concert for a cause: Beta Lei features JT Hodges



Country music artist JT Hodges gives a shoutout to the crowd at Aggie Central Station on Saturday. Hodges performed as part of Beta Theta Phi's third annual Beta Lei philanthropy event.

Shelbi Markham
contributing writer

Country music filled Aggieville early Saturday evening at the Beta Theta Phi fraternity's third annual Beta Lei event at Aggie Station. The

concert featured up-and-coming country music artist JT Hodges, and brought in \$2,700 for TARC, a support organization for children with disabilities and illnesses. "We support TARC because two of our brothers have lost family

members," said Zach Kohlrus, member of Beta Theta Phi and sophomore in accounting. "We felt that this was closer to home, it has made these events more meaningful." Approximately 275 people attended the event, Kohlrus said. All

ticket sale proceeds went directly to TARC.

"The biggest reward for me was that I wanted to raise money for a cause that I felt was important," Kohlrus said. "It also gives students the opportunity to enjoy themselves before finals."

In the previous years, the concert had taken place at the Beta Theta Phi's house, but that was not possible this year. Colder weather and chance of rain caused the fraternity to move the concert inside to Aggie Station.

"I wish it was outside, but it's obviously way too cold for that," said Ciara Chambers, freshman in political science.

Although new, many people liked the different location.

"I like this venue, it's very open and it seems well thought out," said Kristen Doberer, freshman in elementary education. "There was room to sit and room to dance."

Dillion Cowing, senior in civil engineering, opened the concert around 6:30 p.m. with a mix of original songs and covers of songs by Josh Abbott Band, Flo Rida, Florida Georgia Line and Kip Moore.

"I liked the original songs and the covers were good too because it was easy to sing to them," Chambers said. "He has a really good voice."

Cowing, who is from Clay Center, Kan., started performing about a year ago.

"The crowd was a lot more than I expected, but it was probably the coolest crowd I've played for,"

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Edwards to become a Wildcat

Mark Kern
sports editor

After visiting last week, Justin Edwards has decided to transfer from the University of Maine to become a member of the K-State men's basketball team.

This past season as a sophomore, Edwards averaged 16.2 points per game.

Edwards will have to sit out the 2013-14 season due to transfer rules and will have two years of eligibility remaining for the Wildcats.

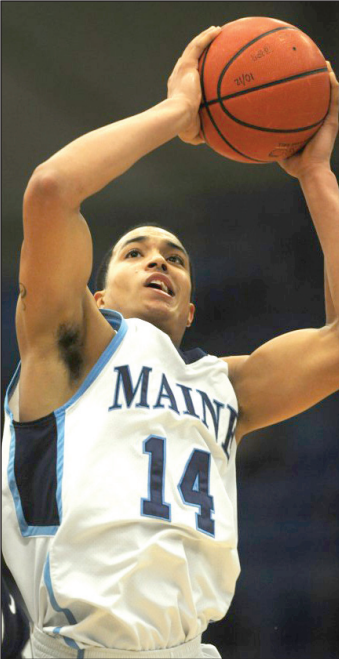


Photo courtesy of Bangor Daily News

Justin Edwards, 20, signed to be part of the Wildcat 2014-15 basketball season Saturday. Edwards is predicted to add key scoring to the team's lineup.

Manhattan celebrates bike month



Parker Robb | Collegian

Cyclists pass in front of houses on 14th Street during one of the criterium races of the Tallgrass Classic, held Sunday on a lap course around City Park. This weekend's races were just one of the events taking place during bike month this year. "We just like seeing people outdoors and on a bicycle," said Aaron Apel, co-owner of Big Poppi Bicycle Company.

Alex Bishop
contributing writer

This month, the city of Manhattan and local businesses are giving people an opportunity to celebrate national bike month. Bike month, which has been a weeklong celebration in past years, gives the public a chance to participate in various events that promote bicycling.

The progressive dinner, a kick-off event, had previously been scheduled for last Friday, but was pushed back to May 16 due to weather. The dinner gives riders a chance to ride from La Hacienda to AJ's NY Pizzeria, ending at City Park, with food

provided at each stop. Other events open to the public this month include a bike and brunch, a ride with Mayor John Matta across town and a celebration for bike enthusiasts at Radina's Coffeehouse and Roastery in Aggieville.

Aaron Apel, co-owner and operator of Big Poppi Bicycle Company, hopes bike month can bring awareness to bicycling and to the store.

"We just like seeing people outdoors and on a bicycle," Apel said. "The intention with these different events is to encourage as many people of all ages and skill levels to get involved in biking."

On May 21, there will be a bicycle advisory committee meeting at

City Hall. This meeting occurs every month and the public is encouraged to come and discuss various bike regulations within the city.

David Colburn, who serves on the bicycle advisory committee and manages The Pathfinder, an outdoor equipment store, said he believes bike month can encourage people to become more active.

"We hope that people come try something," Colburn said. "Most of the events are designed to accommodate novice riders, and there are some pretty good perks out there."

One perk Colburn mentioned was that every Monday at Varsity Donuts from 6 to 9 a.m., those riding to work or school can get a

free drink with the purchase of a donut. Patrons must also present a helmet, since safe riding practices are being encouraged.

Not only are local businesses getting involved in the celebration of bike month, but the Riley County Police Department also held events last week to promote bike safety and awareness. A bike ride across the Linear Trail led by four members of the bike team brought members of the community together to share their enthusiasm for biking.

Public Information Officer Matthew Droge said he hopes to

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Int'l news briefs

Mike Stanton
assistant news editor

U.S. calls for immediate release of American citizen imprisoned in North Korea

According to a Sunday New York Times article by Choe Sang-Hun, the United States has called for the immediate release of American citizen Kenneth Bae, who was sentenced to 15 years of hard labor in North Korea for charges of "hostile acts."

Bae, a Korean-American, was arrested in November while leading a group of Chinese businessmen on a tour to the special economic zone of Rason in the northeast of the country.

KCNA, North Korea's official media outlet, said that the prisoner will not be used as a political bargaining chip. Bae is the sixth American known to have been arrested in North Korea in recent years, including two who were released after former President Bill Clinton traveled to Pyongyang to meet with then-leader Kim Jong Il.

Bae, 44, is expected to be moved to a labor camp within 10 days of his sentencing Thursday. The U.S. State Department said that, although they have long-standing concerns with North Korea's justice system, they are not currently prepared to let a high-profile mission visit Pyongyang to try and negotiate Bae's release.

Syria threatens Israel after airstrikes near Damascus

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad warned Sunday that a series of Israeli airstrikes near the capital city of Damascus opened the door to "all the options," according to a Washington Post article by Abigail Hauslohner.

The threats indicate the possibility that Syria's civil war, which has killed more than 70,000 over nearly two years of fighting, could expand beyond its own borders.

Syrian state media said the attack targeted a military and scientific research facility.

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I always wondered about Shawn's siblings too! Thanks for reminding me.

Can we please do something about the fact that every morning when I walk into Kedzie library, I'm subjected to witnessing horrific and disturbing live births on the TV?

Why do we even wear this armor, it's useless. - Stormtrooper

Shoutout to the neighbor who found my wallet and put it under my wiper blade. Come over to apt 1 for a free drink this weekend!

Am I the only one who thinks Angel Rodriguez's reason for leaving is a little bogus? Now instead of changing planes in Atlanta, he has a direct flight...

You want to talk about plot holes in 'Boy Meets World'? I'm STILL waiting for Mr. Turner to recover from his motorcycle accident!

A little advice from one man to another: if you don't know the Always, Sometimes, Never rule, you shouldn't be wearing a suit jacket.

You're right. The intention was never to justify self, but to show domestic violence is the exact opposite of the Spirit.

If single apt rent wasn't so expensive, I would live by myself in a heartbeat. And I would get a dog to be my best friend.

To the person who left an unwrapped smushed Snickers candy bar in the chair at Hale library... Better luck next time!

Just for everyone complaining about the hotel going in: We live in America, a capitalist country, where land can go to whatever someone wants, not just what is convenient to some.

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ARREST REPORTS

Thursday, May 2

John Leroy Cody Deem, of the 900 block of Sunset Avenue, was booked for misdemeanor theft, criminal deprivation of property, forgery and misdemeanor use of a financial card. Bond was set at \$8,000.

Malcolm Coy Cunningham, of the 500 block of Moro Street, was booked for probation violation. No bond was listed.

Stephanie Jo Cassidy, of Hopkinsville, Ky., was booked for violation of protection orders. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Dylan Martin Ritzert, of the 2500 block of Farm Bureau Road, was booked for unlawful possession of depressants and use or possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Elizabeth Eve Stuart, of the 500 block of Vattier Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Brisa Meza, homeless, was booked for use or possession of drug paraphernalia and

possession of opiates, opium, narcotics or stimulants. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Katlin Ann Watt, of the 2200 block of Blueberry Drive, was booked for no driver's license. Bond was set at \$500.

Carlton Wayne Solton Jr., of the 700 block of Griffith Drive, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Friday, May 3

Damian Donlon, of Concordia, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Spencer Jay Dreesman, of the 500 block of Sunset Avenue, was booked for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Garison Danner Morris, of the 900 block of Vattier Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Paul Carroll Sims, of the 1000 block of Humboldt Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Mitchell Evan Heide-man, of the 1000 block of Laramie Street, was booked for driving under the influence.

Bond was set at \$750.

Jennifer Lynn Trieu, of the 2400 block of Buttonwood Drive, was booked for sale, distribution or cultivation of opiates or narcotics, endangering a minor and contribution to child misconduct. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Cody Richard Fegan, of the 1400 block of Claflin Circle, was booked for criminal threat. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Christopher Neil Marinelli, of Carmichael, Calif., was booked for aggravated assault, battery, unlawful possession of hallucinogens, use or posses-

sion of drug paraphernalia and misdemeanor theft. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Tyler Chase Nordt, of the 3700 block of Seth Child Road, was booked for misdemeanor theft and criminal deprivation of property. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Saturday, May 4

Tyrone Antonio Shorter, of the 800 block of Kearney Street, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Zachery Antie Kelly, of

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TRACK

Wildcats place 4th, 7th in Big 12 Championships

Adam Suderman
staff writer

With opportunities to score in numerous events, the K-State track and field team spent the weekend in Waco, Texas, competing for team championships against very strong conference competition in the Big 12 Outdoor Championships.

For the weekend, the Wildcat men finished with 96 points for a fourth-place finish, and the women finished in seventh place with 66 points.

The Wildcats got underway on Friday with the decathlon and heptathlon as well as the hammer throw.

Sara Savatovic stole the show on the opening day as the freshman took the title in the hammer throw. The throw of 210-04 breaks her Serbian national record and also places her second in K-State history.

"It means very much to me. I finally threw my PR and a national record for Serbia, and that is a big result for me," Savatovic said. "I expected to throw a PR soon because I have been training well and it came in the biggest event."

After competing well on Friday, Wildcat heptathletes and decathletes finished strong on Saturday with three men and women finishing in the top six.

Highlighting the men's side was freshman Reines Kregers, who finished in second place with 7,406 points.

Just behind Kregers was senior Tomas Kirieliuss who finished the event in third place.

On the women's side, junior Erica Twiss came away in second place with 5,338 points and freshman Merryl Mbeng finished in fourth place.

"The guys and gals in the decathlon and heptathlon were

able to get four places for the team. They hung in there and gave all they had to give," said Cliff Rovelto, K-State track and field head coach. "Erica was able to come back and make the final in the 400 hurdles, which is very

impressive. Angela Hart also PR'd in the 400 hurdles to make that final."

With a chance to finish as the only high jumper in Big 12 history to have three outdoor championships, Erik Kynard didn't disappoint.

The senior jumped 7-06.50 to claim the title and just missed 7-08.50 on his final attempts.

Jharyl Bowry continued to add to an impressive opening season by finishing second in the men's long jump. The junior leaped 25-06.75, while freshman Ifeanyi Otuonye came in sixth with a jump of 24-03.00.

"The long jump went pretty well," Rovelto said. "Anytime you can get double digit points in an event, you are doing well. Jharyl did a great job."

The Wildcats concluded the meet Sunday with several notable performances, including a championship from Kyle Wait in

the men's pole vault. The junior finished with a mark of 17-06.25.

After qualifying for indoor nationals, junior sprinter Carlos Rodriguez once again proved his ability to perform at a high level.

Rodriguez finished third in the men's 100 meters with a time of 10.48 seconds and fourth in the 200 meters with a time of 20.91.

Junior Martina Tresch bested the field in the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase, finishing with a time of 10:10.82.

The men's 4x400 meter relay team composed of freshman Tyris Jefferson, Otuonye, junior Carlos Rodriguez and sophomore Chris Campbell finished in third place with a time of 3:09.27.

With the conference season finished, the Wildcats with national qualifying times and results will move forward to the NCAA West Preliminary Rounds.

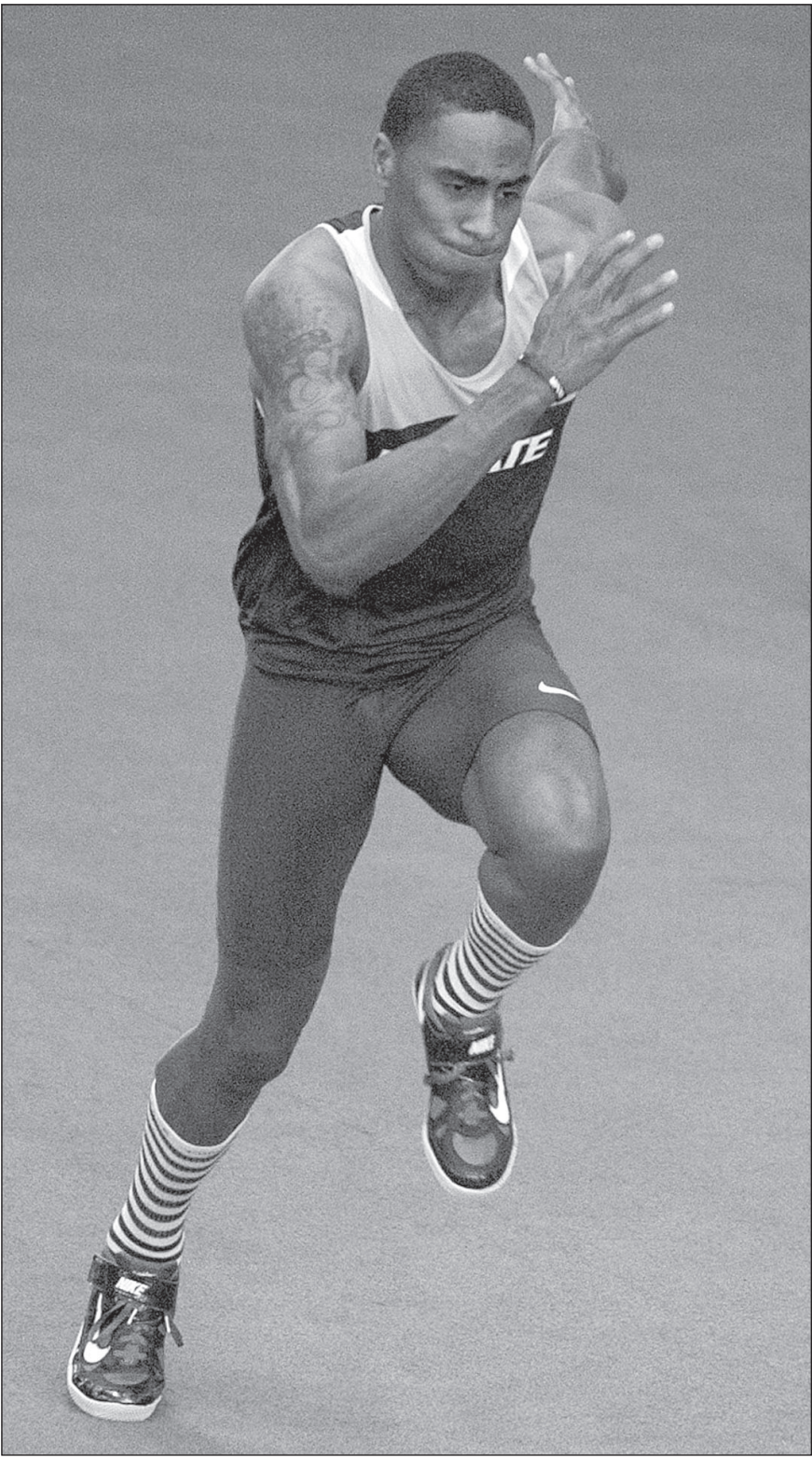
Events will take place on May 23, 24 and 25 in Austin, Texas.

"The guys and gals in the decathlon and heptathlon were able to get four places for the team. They hung in there and gave all they had to give,"

Cliff Rovelto
head track coach

TRACK

Kynard once again proves he is one of K-State's best all-time athletes



Mark Kern

K-State has had some unbelievable athletes in the program's history. Darren Sproles, Mitch Richmond, Shalee Lehning and Nataly Korobkova are some of the greatest to represent the Wildcats in athletics.

This trend continued on Saturday as Erik Kynard captured his third outdoor Big 12 championship title this weekend in the high jump, the first time any athlete has done so. Kynard jumped 7-06.50 at the meet in Waco, Texas, and holds the K-State record for both indoor and outdoor jumps.

day, as Erik Kynard won the Big 12 outdoor high jump with a mark of 7-06.50, becoming the first person to ever win the outdoor high jump title in three consecutive seasons.

Last summer, during the 2012 Olympics, Kynard was on the biggest stage of his career — not only was he representing his school, he was also representing the United States. He went on to get a silver medal in the high jump, grabbing the fourth olympic silver medal in the history of K-State track.

With all of this newly acquired fame, some thought Kynard would lose focus on the upcoming season, but he has done the complete opposite. This is a very impressive feat, according to head coach Cliff Rovelto, who could not be more proud of his senior jumper.

"It is very difficult to maintain the level of performance he has all year," Rovelto said. "He's handled himself, competition and training very well. All his hard work is paying off for him. I'm very proud of him."

Kynard holds the school record in the indoor high jump at 7-07.75,

as well as the outdoor record of 7-08.00.

So how dominant has Kynard truly been during his time at K-State? In his last 20 meets, he has gotten first 18 times, with one second place as well as one third.

In 2012 at Drake Stadium and then again this year at Ahearn Field House, Kynard has set the record at the school's facility. He has been named an All-American seven times, and he will be looking to earn number eight as he prepares for the NCAA West Preliminary rounds as well as the NCAA outdoor championship starting on June 5 in Eugene, Ore.

Kynard will surely be moving on to the professional ranks in track, as he prepares to compete for the gold medal at the 2016 Olympic games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Kynard will perform in the events as one of, if not the, best athletes to ever call themselves a Wildcat.

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Two-minute drill: Royals win 6-5

Mark Kern
sports editor

NBA:

Kevin Durant and the Oklahoma City Thunder pulled off an improbable comeback on Sunday as they took game one over the Memphis Grizzlies 93-90 in Oklahoma City.

Durant finished the game with 35 points and 15 rebounds, and hit the game-winning shot with 11 seconds left to complete the double-digit fourth quarter comeback.

Since the injury to Russell Westbrook, Durant has averaged 35.3 points, and has helped the Thunder remain a legitimate contender in the Western Conference.

Game two will be Tuesday night at 8:30 at the Chesapeake Energy Arena in Oklahoma City.

MLB:

The Kansas City Royals continued their hot streak on Sunday with a 6-5 come from behind victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Trailing 5-3 in the bottom of the ninth with two out and runners on first and second, Billy Butler hit a double off a full count to send the game to extras.

In the next inning, Alex Gordon hit an RBI single in the bottom of tenth to give the Royals their sixth win in their last eight games.

The Royals will go for the sweep today as James Shields takes the mound against the White Sox.

NCAAM:

Ben McLemore's former AAU basketball coach Darius Cobb admitted to accepting bribe money to steer, according to a USA Today Sports Report.

In the report, Cobb said that Rodney Blackstock, CEO of

Hooplife Academy, paid him and McLemore's cousin a total of \$10,000 to have meetings with potential agents.

McLemore's cousin denied the reports, but Cobb was able to provide photos of one of the trips as evidence.

Kansas is currently reviewing the case.

Nascar:

For the second time ever in his career, David Ragan was able to grab a checkered flag as he took the Talladega Superspeedway on Sunday at the Aaron's 499.

Aided by his teammate David Gilliland, Ragan was able to win the race by leading Gilliland to the front of the race, where Gilliland was able to hold off the rest of the field from passing.

Jimmie Johnson finished fifth on Sunday, and is still 41 points ahead in the championship standings.

BASEBALL

2 wins, 1 loss in Austin leaves K-State in tie for first in conference

Sean Frye
staff writer

This weekend, in a crucial Big 12 series on the road, the K-State Wildcat baseball team won two of three games in Austin against the Texas Longhorns.

The Wildcats won Friday and Sunday's games by scores of 3-2 and 9-3, respectively. Saturday's contest was a 6-3 loss for the Wildcats.

With the two wins on the road, the Wildcats are now 34-15 overall and 11-7 in the Big 12, which puts them in a tie for first place in the conference with the Oklahoma Sooners and the West Virginia Mountaineers.

Freshman relief pitcher Jake Matthys was credited with the win on Friday, improving his record to 7-0 on the season. Fellow reliever junior Jared Moore got the win on Sunday.

Matthys' seven wins this year ties the freshman record for K-State.

In Friday's game, a two-run triple by junior Ross Kivett with two outs in the top of the eighth inning propelled the Wildcats over the Longhorns.

Then, in Sunday's game, the Wildcats hung five combined runs in the fourth and fifth innings to give themselves momentum. In the end, K-State ended up running away with the game after a four-run seventh inning.

With the series against the Longhorns behind them, the Wildcats are now preparing for another three-game weekend series on the road, this time against the Kansas Jayhawks.

With six games left in the season, including a three-game home series against the Sooners, the Wildcats will look to finish the season strong in their pursuit of a Big 12 title.



Junior second baseman **Ross Kivett** waits on the throw to tag Oakland University's Nolan Jacoby on March 3, at Tointon Family Stadium. Kivett's two-run triple gave K-State the edge to beat Texas in Waco on Friday, as the Wildcats took the series to tie for first in the Big 12.

CISPA, Internet bills, need specification to be effective



There's been much debate recently over CISPA — the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act. In its most basic form, CISPA allows private companies to easily share your information with the government.

The government, getting wind of a cyberattack, could easily have you labeled as a cyberthreat, which enables sites like Facebook and Google to hand over any information on you they might have, including search histories and emails. Supporters of the bill say that CISPA is needed to protect that information from foreign invasion via cyberterrorists.

While the House approved this year's version of CISPA, it was confirmed two weeks ago that the Senate would not allow the bill to pass. Even the White House threatened to veto it, citing privacy and civil liberty concerns.

The bill's sponsors, Representatives Mike Rogers and Dutch Ruppersberger, attempted to ease these anxieties by amending the bill so that any information the government released to private companies regarding a possible cyberattack would be anonymous. This, however, was not enough, as the private companies involved were not required to do the same.

In all honesty, though, is this bill really a good idea? Probably not. The idea of cybersecurity on such a large scale is the beginning of a very slippery slope. Any form of this bill could easily result in the type of Internet restrictions that give bloggers and Internet-based writers nightmares, not to mention online gamers.

And it's not just the people who use their neighbor's Wi-Fi for entertainment that will have to deal with these problems, either. If we go down the road of Internet se-



Illustration by Tennerly Carttar

curity and end up with restrictive Internet laws, then even sending a "Happy Birthday" e-card to your sister in Scottsdale is going to become a problem.

It may become necessary at some point to adopt some form of anti-cyber-terrorism bill that protects the people. But even if that comes to pass, CISPA is not the bill to do it. The wording is most definitely too vague to accept in its current form. The descriptions of the circumstances in which it would be allowable for

the government to have access to private information are altogether too broad and don't give specifics.

That sort of bill is unacceptable and will only serve as a nice solid shove down the aforementioned slippery slope. Any Internet security bill aimed at protecting against foreign cyberattacks needs to be clearly worded and tediously specific. Tedium is deplorable at best, but in this sort of situation, it is the lesser of two evils.

The Senate has determined

that it wants to separate the issues within CISPA and address them as isolated concerns. This is probably the smartest way of going about it. Going piece by piece and getting the individual parts approved one at a time so that even a child could clearly understand is the most desirable outcome.

Trying to force an ambiguous bill with enormous loopholes and vague wording is the worst idea when it comes to something so widely used and appreciated as

the Internet, especially in a country like ours. America is helplessly centered on technology, cataloguing all of our information online and leaving it there. As demonstrated by the voluntary blackout of hundreds of websites in protest of CISPA that occurred on April 22, a bill like CISPA would only serve to drive users away from the versatility that is the Internet.

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Campus diversity stems from efforts of student groups, university



Illustration by Aaron Logan



Diversity is a subject that may or may not concern us. Being part of the K-State community lets us be a part of something bigger than ourselves — a family.

K-State has more than 23,000 students from all 50 states and from more than 90 countries. Right off the bat you can infer that there are a wide variety of groups at K-State, but do these groups really connect with other students and each other and feel welcomed?

The answer to this question is fairly obvious. K-State has dozens of student orga-

nizations and a department dedicated to making sure that there is diversity in our student population and fair treatment for all.

From my perspective, as an international student at K-State, I feel welcomed by the K-State community. The university does an outstanding job of getting groups to interact with each other and get connected.

But this is not something that just concerns K-State as a university. It concerns students, too. There needs to be an attitude encouraging students to put forth an effort to get involved and not just hang around with people of your own country or group.

K-State has a community of international students that work together through different student organizations. These organizations really appreciate the support granted by K-State to help accomplish their goals and

dreams planned for the scholarly year.

Every year, the International Student Center offers a rich cultural exposition held in the K-State Student Union to commemorate students' home countries. This event helps students who are not as involved with the international community get informed about the various cultural groups at K-State and to appreciate the university's diversity.

The hard part here is that not everybody is interested in participating, and at the end of the day some people end up claiming that there is no diversity at K-State and that international groups really don't interact with them.

As the ethnic variety of students at K-State increases with each year, it remains necessary to support these collaborative activities to get more students involved and

make international friendships.

Walking around campus, I personally see a lot of diversity — not only the diverse exterior appearances of people, but also the diversity of people's beliefs. I enjoy seeing people in the Union publicizing their organizations and promoting their activities. There is always something going on involving students from different groups, political views or even just different sports. The students here really contribute to making campus diverse and friendly.

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White privilege impacts all aspects of life, including acts of terror



On April 15, two explosive devices created from pressure cookers were detonated near the finish line of the Boston Marathon. As more information surfaced about the alleged bombers and the after effects of the event, the case became an international tragedy, affecting many more people than those who were in Boston during the event.

The explosions killed three people and injured more than 260. According to a May 1 New York Times article by Katharine Seelye, the two men who are suspected of causing the attack were identified as Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and his brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

The Tsarnaev brothers are originally from Chechnya. Essentially, in the eyes of how people would perceive their race, they are white. Therein lies one of the biggest issues with the reaction to the Boston bombings.

When the incident first happened, many Americans automatically thought the bombers would be jihad extremists. They would have

to be from the Middle East because the media continued to perpetuate the stereotype of Middle Eastern people being terrorists. In an April 18 CNN article by John King, King reported the arrest of a suspect he described as a "dark-skinned male."

Not even 24 hours after the article was released, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People shot back. According to an April 18 LA Times article by Greg Braxton, "The NAACP has lashed out at CNN and reporter John King, calling them 'reckless and irresponsible' for King's erroneous report that a suspect, described as 'dark-skinned' had been arrested in connection with the Boston Marathon bombing. The report turned out to be false."

The bombers were white. They have the privilege of not being stereotyped as extremists because of their religion or being seen as terrorists. Instead, they have the advantage of white privilege.

As Tim White said in a post on April 16, one day after the bombing, "White privilege is knowing that if the bomber turns out to be white, he or she will be viewed as an exception to an otherwise non-white rule, an aberration, an anomaly, and that he or she will be able to join the ranks of pantheon of white people who engage in (or have plotted) politically motivated

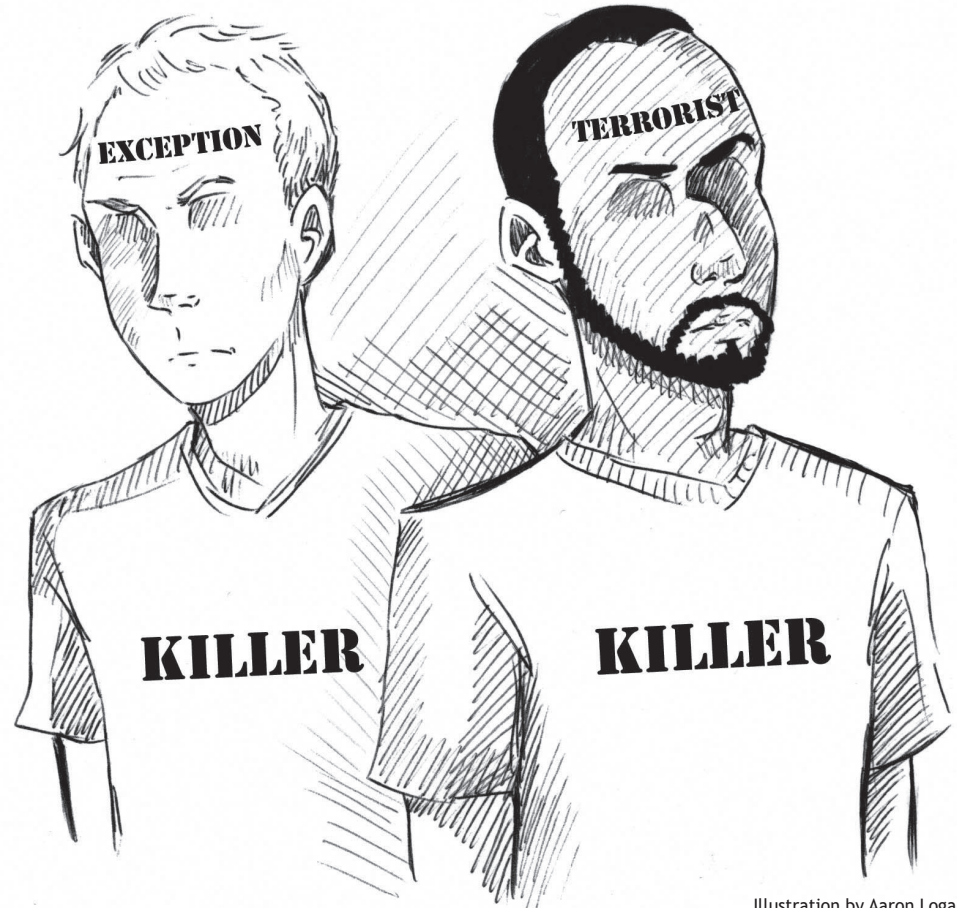


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violence meant to terrorize — and specifically to kill — but whose actions result in the assumption of absolutely nothing about white people generally, or white Christians

in particular."

The Tsarnaev brothers are seen as an exception to their race. James Holmes, the Aurora, Colo., movie theater shooter, is seen as an

anomaly. Timothy McVeigh, the Oklahoma City bomber, was seen as atypical based on how people described him. Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, the two students who killed 15

people, including themselves, and injured another 21 when they took over Columbine High School, were just seen as mentally unstable.

These are only a few cases people would remember from contemporary society, but there are hundreds of examples of white people killing dozens with no policy changing, no cultural mindset occurring and no increased amount of profiling based on their skin color.

White privilege is the problem. The actions of the Tsarnaev brothers will not cause white people to be subjected to stereotypes of them as terrorists, foreign or domestic. Instead, society will continue to grant privilege to white people, or those perceived as white. There will be no cultural shift because of this case.

The Tsarnaev brothers may be seen as unstable or their actions may be seen as stemming from a possible affiliation with the Chechen militant group. However, in a few months, this case will be forgotten, just as the Aurora shooting, just as Columbine, just as every other incident involving white murderers, bombers or serial killers has been.

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BLOTTER | Arrest reports

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Ogden, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license and habitual violation. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Gregory Aristidis Haramis, of St. George, Kan., was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license and habitual violation. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Michael Justin Hodge, of the 3000 block of Grand Mere Parkway, was booked for aggravated assault. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Adam Jeffrey Hamilton, of the 500 block of Moro Street, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.

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Golden Cardell Coachman, of McPherson, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Demetrius Sherode Horton, of Fort Riley, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,000.

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The Israeli military declined to comment on the issue. Although it remains unclear whether Syria will retaliate militarily, the Syrian Foreign Ministry said the strike is proof of cooperation between Israel and the rebels attempting to remove al-Assad and his Baath party from power.

Wildfires threaten LA area
A wildfire raging over 28,000 acres near Los Angeles is over half

contained, according to state fire officials. CNN reported that firefighters made significant progress against the blaze over the weekend, aided by cooler temperatures, higher humidity and calmer winds. A chance of rain and thunderstorms could aid firefighters as they try to keep the flames away from nearly 4,000 threatened homes, but lightning could spark separate fires. The Ventura County-based blaze has damaged 15 residences, five commercial properties and destroyed 25 outbuildings.

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Author speaks on ‘the world-historical transformation of love and marriage’



Melanie Thomas
staff writer

Author, historian and educator Stephanie Coontz provided a unique look into the complexities of marriage when she presented her lecture, “Courting Trouble? The World-Historical Transformation of Love and Marriage,” in Forum Hall Friday morning.

Covering the history of marriage from the time that the Old Testament was written to the present, Coontz discussed how marriage’s function and how views of marriage have changed over time.

Coontz explained that while it is theorized that marriage began as primarily a means to promote peace and status, it has moved into an expression of love. In the United States, most people are now free to choose whom to marry, and the reason to marry is typically love.

She explained that because of this change, “marriage will never be a staple in the way it was before there was free choice.”

Marriage used to be an economic necessity, but because of the way societal views and the function of marriage have changed, it is not needed in the way it once was, Coontz said.

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Stephanie Coontz speaks to a large audience in Forum Hall on Friday about the historical transformation of marriage across the globe.

said.

Not only did Coontz discuss how the function and views of marriage have changed over time, but she also explained how the roles within marriage have evolved. She said that women used to be financially dependent on their husbands and that marriage was a necessity for most women to prosper, but this has changed drastically. Currently, a woman who remains single can do well for herself, though she will still do financially better (as would a man) in a marriage in which both spouses work, according to Coontz.

Coontz provided much insight into the complexities of relationships and the development of marriages over time.

“I didn’t really realize how new our idea of the tradition is,” said Lindsey Truesdell, freshman in public health. “[Coontz] gave some really

good ideas for how to make marriages work. I learned kind of to maybe reevaluate how we see love and marriage and how to apply it to our lives.”

Naomi Cunningham, junior in sociology, also found the lecture to be enlightening.

“It was really interesting to look at how marriages have changed,” she said.

Cunningham added that she would recommend anyone who gets the chance to attend the lecture to go, if only to hear the historical information that she had previously never known.

Coontz said that she started studying families in 1975 and was eventually asked to write a book on the history of women. She added that she didn’t want to leave the study of women at only women.

“I wanted to find a place where men and women were interacting, so family history led to marriage history,” Coontz said.

Coontz made a lot of statements about how love and marriage and society’s view of the topics have changed over time. However, when interviewed, she emphasized what she said she thinks is the most important thing for people to know about the transformation of love and marriage over time.

“We’re not doing it worse than previous generations, because nobody’s ever tried to do it as equally and fairly as we have,” she said. “One of the worst things you can do is beat yourself up over the past.”

HODGES | Opening artist donates 25 percent of CD sales to charity as well

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Cowing said. “They were very receptive to my music and supportive of what I was playing.”

Cowing brought his CDs to sell to audience members, and pledged to donate 25 percent of the earnings to TARC.

“This is something I started doing for fun, but now its something I can do to help more than just myself,” Cowing said.

After Cowing, JT Hodges came on stage, and sang songs from previous records, as well as new music that has not been released yet. Hodges released his debut, self-titled album in August 2012.

“I am really looking forward to JT Hodges,” said Molly Jennings, freshman in chemistry. “I just got his CD last week, and I’ve been listening to it nonstop.”

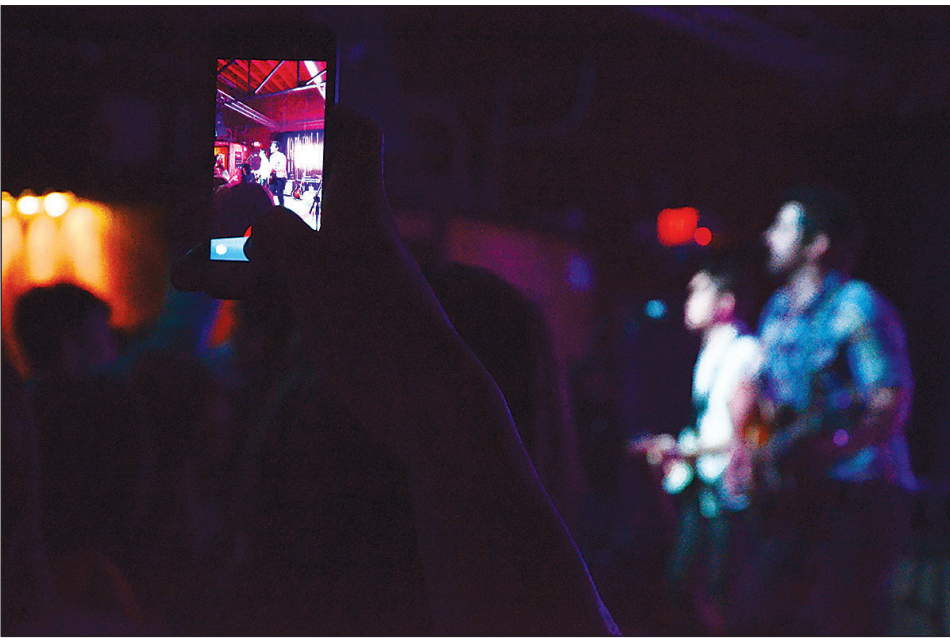
Hodges is a fairly new country artist, and is not known by all country music fans.

“I have not heard of him, but I think he’s good so far,” said Ted Augustine, sophomore in mechanical engineering.

Overall, the concert was a success, said Kohlrus and others.

“I thought this was awesome, JT Hodges by far exceeded my expectations, and its all definitely going to a great cause,” said Jacob Grove, sophomore in secondary education.

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LEFT: A fan of country musician JT Hodges takes a photo of him performing with her smartphone during Hodges’ performance at Aggie Central Station Saturday evening. Hodges’ performance was part of Beta Theta Pi’s Beta Lei concert.

RIGHT: One of JT Hodges’ Gibson acoustic guitars sits in its stand onstage, ready to be strummed on the next song, during Hodges’ performance at Aggie Central Station Saturday evening. The event raised \$2,700 for TARC, a support organization for children with disabilities and illnesses.

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become more involved with the public and aims to make sure that people are more prepared to operate their bikes in heavily congested areas.

“Whether it’s this month or over the summer, the bike team is interested in getting with the community more for rides and safety tips,” Droge said.

Later this month officers will attend local elementary schools to teach bike safety and proper bike maintenance.

Apel said he hopes that this

month can bring awareness to a larger problem facing the community.

“Manhattan is obviously a denser community and cars are not the answer to solving all of our traffic issues,” Apel said. “The sooner people realize that, I think, the easier it will be for people to hang out, get along and be healthier.”

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ABOVE: Cyclists weave around several corners during one of the criterium races of the Tallgrass Classic, held Sunday on a lap course around City Park. Collegiate and semi-pro cyclists came from many different states to compete in this event, which also included a road race by Tuttle Creek Lake Saturday.

TOP LEFT: Two girls wave and hold a handmade sign wishing the cyclists good luck during one of the criterium races of the Tallgrass Classic on Sunday. The Tallgrass Classic is just one of many events taking place this May for bike month.

BOTTOM LEFT: Cyclists whiz around a corner at 11th Street and Poyntz Avenue on Sunday during a criterium race in the Tallgrass Classic. In addition to the race, this year’s bike month events will include a progressive dinner on May 16 and multiple bike safety and awareness events.